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1. PRESIDENTS VELASCO OF PERU AND ECHEVERRIA OF MEXICO SIGNED JOINT COMMUNIQUE MORNING OF JULY 17 PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF ECHEVERRIA FOR BUENOS AIRES, CONTAINING FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS.

2. POLITICAL - STRONG SUPPORT EXPRESSED FOR LATIN AMERICA AS NUCLEAR FREE AREA, AND PROPOSAL THAT LA COUNTRIES LIMIT ARMS SPENDING AND USE MONEY FOR INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT. BOTH GOVERNMENTS CALLED FOR RE-INCLUSION OF CUBA IN "INTERAMERICAN DIALOGUE" AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CUBA WILL BE PRESENT AT NEXT MFMM IN BUENOS AIRES. SUPPORT ALSO GIVEN TO PANAMA IN ITS BID

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FOR SOVEREIGNTY OVER CANAL ZONE. BOTH COUNTRIES NOTED THEIR

SUPPORT FOR ECHEVERRIA'S PROPOSED ECONOMIC CHARTER AND HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE ADOPTED BY NEXT UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING.

3. ECONOMIC - BROAD STATEMENT MADE AFFIRMING NEED FOR LA ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND STATING THAT, TO THIS END, LAFTA MUST BE RESTRUCTURED. PERU PROMISED TO COOPERATE WITH ANY SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF REGULATION OF COFFEE PRICES AND BOTH COUNTRIES EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO FIX BETTER PRICES FOR THEIR RAW MATERIALS. A CULTURAL AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED, AS WAS AGREEMENT CALLING FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND PROMOTION OF SCIENCE.

MOST IMPORTANT POINT APPEARED TO BE CALL FOR FORMATION OF AN ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION (SEE REFTEL). ITS DUTIES WOULD BE NUMEROUS: TO STUDY STRATEGIES OF DEVELOPMENT; TO ARTICULATE ACTIONS TO DEFEND PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS; TO COORDINATE STRATEGIES OF COMMERCIALIZATION AND USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES; TO STRENGTHEN BUYING POWER OF MEMBER COUNTRIES RE GOODS, CAPITAL, AND TECHNOLOGY; TO GUARANTEE FURNISHING OF SUPPLIES AND FOODS; TO ORIENT AND STIMULATE ACTION OF DIVERSE PROCESSES OF REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL INTEGRATION; TO DEFINE, ORIENT, AND SUPPORT AGREEMENTS ON "INDUSTRIAL CO-INVESTMENT" AND COOPERATION; TO ASSIST SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL WORK; AND TO DESIGN AND PUT INTO OPERATION FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THAT WILL STIMULATE BASIC ACTIVITIES FOR ALL LATIN AMERICA.

BOTH GOVERNMENTS CALLED FOR THE FORMATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF EXPORTERS OF RAW MATERIALS WITH GOAL OF COLLECTIVELY DEFENDING "FAIR PRICES". INCLUDED IN THIS, PRESUMABLY, BUT MENTIONED SEPARATELY, WAS A CALL FOR INITIAL CLOSE COOPERATION AMONG SILVER PRODUCING NATIONS WITH EVENTUAL FORMATION OF CARTEL TO CONTROL PRICES (SEE REFTEL).
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